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G.O. No. 1525

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Dated 26--5--1950.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Prohibition — Medicinal preparations containing opium and ganja -- Manufacture and Sale for the treatment of skin diseases -- Orders passed

Copy of the letter No.C.R.NO.36027-Abk/48-XA3, dated 7-40-49, from the Assistant Secretary, Board of Revenue and Member, Board of Revenue and Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, addressed to the Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department.

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SUB: PROHIBITION - opium and ganja-issue for the treatment of elephants - request - report - submitted.

READ: Letters from the Collector of Malabar-Ref.B2.14867/4., dated 20-10-48 and 8-2-49 and L.Dis.13050/49 dated 23-8-49.

Letter from the Principal, Cllege of Indian Medicine, Kilpauk, Madras, Rc.No.4415/48-A3, dated 20-5-49 and 18-9-49. (49)

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Read the following:-

Letter from the Director of Animal Husbandry, Madras, L.Dis.No. 534-V/49. dated -- Reference:-

The Collector of Malabar reported that he had received applications from some of the owners of elephants in the district for the issue of permits for the purchase of opium and ganja for use in the manufacture of certain medicinal, preparations for the treatment of their elephants. A copy of the Collector's letters dt. 20-10-48 and 8-2-49 is herewith sent. The names of preparations c ntaining opium or/and ganja as the case may be given in the Collector's second letter enclosed.

2. In their order No.2023, Revenue, dated 10-8-38, the Government ordered that all preparations containing more than 0.2% of morphine and all preparations containing any percentage of ganja should be permitted to be manufactured and sold in the prohibition areas only under a licence and the sale of such preparations should not be permitted except on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner in Indian Medicine. The issue of such licences was to be restricted to

(i) recongnised chemists;

(ii) proprietors of recognised pharmacies approved by the Central Board of Indian Medicine; and

(iii) registered practitioners of Indian Medicine.

A list of preparations was appended to the said G-O. which has been amended subsequently from time to time. The Government also ordered that in respect or preparations not mentioned in the list, applications for licences should be submitted to them for orders.

In their Memorandum No.47179 D/48-4, Revenue dated 17-1-49 the Government have decided that no preparation which contains more than 12½% of opium or ganja should be included in future in the approved list and that the existing list should be revised in accordance with this decision. In respect of certain pre-parations recommended by the Board for inclusion in thelist, the Government ordered that samples of these preparations should be obtained and recommendations for inclusion should be made only in respect of those preparations which after analysis in the Board's Laboratory were found to contain not more than 12½% of opium ganja or bhang.

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Though the names of some of the preparations given by the Collector of Malabar in his second letter enclosed are found in the approved list, the kind of the drug contained, the precentage of drug contents and the source of formulae in respect of the preparations, as furnished by the Collector and as noted in the list do not agree. Further, excepting the preparations 1, 2 and 8 all the others contain more than 12½% opium and/or ganja as the case may be.

3. It is reported that none of the persons who applied for permission for the purchase and use of opium and ganja in the manufacture of medicinal preparations intended for the treatment of elephants is a recognised chemist or a proprietor of a recognised pharmacy approved by the Central Board of Indian Medicine or a registered practitioner in Indian Medicine. It is also reported that there are not recongnised chemists or proprietors of recognised pharmacies approved by the Central Board of Indian Medicine or registered practitioners of Indian Medicine who manufacture or sell such medicines as are used for the treatment of elephants. The Board therefore consulted the Principal, College of Indian Medicine and the Director of Animal Husbandry, Madras, in the matter.

4. A copy of the replies received from the Principal, College of Indian Medicine and the Director of Animal Husbandry is enclosed. The Board considers that it would not be desirable to allow the owners of elephants to purchase the preparations direct from the licensed pharmacies without a prescription of a registered medical practitioner in Indian Medicine as it may lead to misuses and therefore recommends that the purchase of these preparations intended for the treatment of elephants should also be covered by a prescription given by a registered medical practitioner in Indian Medicine.

5. The Board requests that the Government may be pleased to pass early orders in the matter.

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Asst. Secretary.

To The Secretary to the Government, Rev. Department, Fort. St. George (Encls).

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
MEMORANDUM NO.42401-S/51-2, DATED THE 1st MAY, 1951.

SUB: PROHIBITION . Medicinal prepations containing opium and ganja · Manufacture & sale for the treatment of sick elephants.
REF: G.O.Ms.No.1525, Revenue, dated 26-5-50.
From the Board of Revenue (Ex) C.R.No.1578 Abk/51-MA3, dated 9-4-51.

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In the circumstances explained in the Board's reference cited, the Government permit the manufacture and sale of the preparations for the treatment of elephants mentioned in the annexure to the G.O.cited, by Registered Medical Practitioners of Indigenous Medicine also, subject to the conditions laid down in that G.O.

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To

The Board of Reveneu. (Ex.)

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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ABSTRACT.

PROHIBITION - Medicinal preparations containing opium and ganja - Manufacture and sale for the treatment of sick elephants - Orders passed.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated 26th May 1950.

G.O.Ms.No.1525

Read the following:-

From the Board of Revenue (Exc.) C.R.NO.36027 Abk/48XA3 dated 7-10-49.
From the Board of Revenue (Exc.) CR.No.36027 Abk/48 XA3 dated 12-11-49.
From the Board of Revenue (Exc) C.R.No.36027 Abk/48 XA3 dated 31-1-50.

ORDER:

The Government accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenue (Excise) and allow the manufacture and sale of the preparations for the treatment of elephants, mentioned in the annexure, in licensed pharmacies, provided the medicines do not contain more than 12½% of opium or ganja. The Government direct that the preparations should be made available to anyone who owns or is in charge of an elephant which is sick provided a certificate to that effect is obtained from a Veterinary doctor.

(BY ORDER OF THE ETC.)

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SECRETARY TOGOVERNMENT.

To

The Board of Revenue (Exc.)
The Revenue Department.
The Health Department.

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